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West Point admissions brief

Capt. Cliff Hodges, West Point Admissions Office, will be at Eifler Gym at 6 p.m. today to give an admissions briefing on the process of applying to the military academy. All interested soldiers are encouraged to attend regardless of high school academic performance. Each year, approximately 150 Regular Army soldiers are offered admission to the United States Military Academy at West Point or the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Green to Gold

Interested in becoming an officer? Attend the next "Green to Gold" briefing, 11 a.m.-noon, Friday at the Post Education Center (Building 52104).

Commissary closed

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed Oct. 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

Blood drive Tuesday

"Army's Lifeline for America" blood drive is scheduled for 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesday at Murr Community Center. The Mad Cow (CJD) deferral for those who have lived in Europe has been postponed until Oct. 17; other deferrals are on a case-by-case basis. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE for questions or more information

CFC luncheon rescheduled

The Combined Federal Campaign luncheon has been rescheduled for Oct. 12 at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lake Side Activity Centre. Several CFC organizations have designated relief funds for the recent terrorist attacks. For info/tickets, call 538-6048.

MP Ball postponed

The 18th Military Police Detachment 60th Anniversary Ball has been postponed until Oct. 13. For information, call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas P. Pollmiller or Spc. Iolani C. Blas at 533-3434 or 533-5342.

Hispanic heritage exhibit

"Paving the Way for Future Generations" is the theme for this year's Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15. In light of recent events, and to observe a period of respect for our fellow Americans, there will be an exhibit at the Post Library through Oct. 15 honoring the sacrifices and contributions of Hispanic Americans to our Nation and American Society.

White Lion sale

The Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Club has postponed its White Lion Sale set for Sept. 22 to 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday at the Lions Flea Market. Make your donations of unused items (no clothing) at the flea market, or call 378-1399 or at 456-9033 for larger items.

Military families who reside on post are welcome to set up their wares. Bring military ID and call Lee Hinzman for a free space. There are a limited amount of spaces. The Lions will make special arrangements to help you set up a day early.

Limited OSJA services

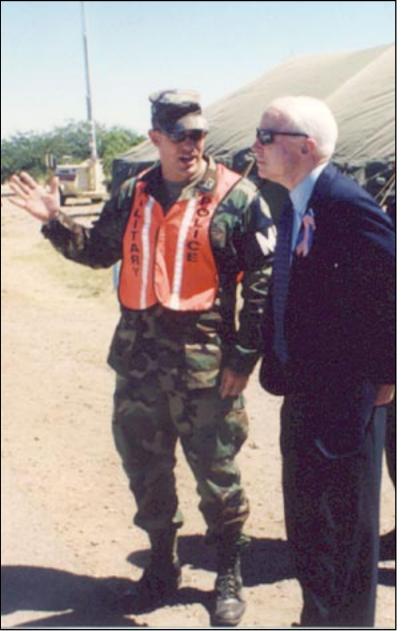
The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be undergoing a renovation action to replace the flooring in the Legal Assistance Division. Legal services will be available on a somewhat limited basis Monday-Oct. 12. To schedule an appointment, call the Legal Assistance Division at 533-2009.



(From right) Brig. Gen. James C. Hylton, Army Signal Command commanding general, and Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachcua commanding general, escort U.S. Senator John McCain and Bob Curieo, senate staffer, during their visit of Fort Huachuca on Sept. 27.



U.S. Senator John McCain (left) swears in Sgt. Curtis Strickland, Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, during a reenlistment ceremony on Sept. 27.



Photos by Sgt. Sharron Stewar

Senate support

U.S. Senator John McCain discusses Fort Huachuca's security efforts with Capt. Vince Chambers, commander, 18th Military Police Detachment. McCain visited military installations and high schools throughout Arizona to demonstrate his support for the armed forces and encourage students to consider a military career.

Soldiers can enroll in TSP starting Oct. 9

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart Scout Staff

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Starting Tuesday, soldiers can participate in the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed

in the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services. The TSP is a federal government sponsored retirement savings and investment plan now available to service members and active reservists. The initial open season ends Jan. 31, 2002.

"The TSP is an enhancement to your Army retirement account. It does not replace your uniformed services retirement pay and has no affect on it at all," said Sandra Clark, Fort Huachuca's chief financial officer. The uni-

formed services retirement system is a defined benefit based on the amount of years served and rank held at the time of retirement.

She went on to say the TSP has nothing to do with the upcoming Redux plan that will allow soldiers to choose whether or not they will take \$30,000 and forty percent of their base pay for retirement or chose the option of foregoing the \$30,000 bonus to be entitled to 50 percent of their base pay upon retirement.

Clark said an added bonus to the TSP is that it is tax-deferred. For example, Clark said if a soldier makes \$1,200 a month and puts \$200 of that in their TSP, they would only pay taxes on \$1000. All earnings on the account are tax deferred also.

"Your TSP contributions are taken out of your pay before taxes are computed so you pay less tax now," said Clark. If a service member has an Individual Retirement Account, they are still able to contribute to the TSP.

The amount a service member can withdraw out of the TSP upon



retirement depends on the contributions the service members puts into it and the earnings of those contributions, Clark said.

Service members will be able invest from one to seven percent of their gross

income in one of five funds. "Service members will need to properly access their risk tolerance," she advised.

There are five funds that service members can invest in. The Government Securities Investment (G) Fund, the Fixed Income Investment (F) Fund, the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund, the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund and the International Stock Index (I) Fund.

Clark said service members could even choose to invest one to seven percent of their income into different funds. "All your contributions don't have to go into the same fund," she said.

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Fort hosts memorial service, concert honors terrorist victims

By Tanja M. Linton

Media Relations Officer

Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Thomas J. Hessler, mayor of Sierra Vista, cordially invite the community to participate in a memorial service and concert Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at Buena High School Football Field.

This memorial service and concert is being held in honor of those who died or are missing due to the attack on America and to inspire the living and to strengthen the community bonds that exist between the fort and the city.

The Fort Huachuca Select Honor Guard will

participate in this service and music is provided by the 36th Army Band and the Sierra Vista Community Chorus. Christian, Jewish, Muslim and ecumenical prayers for the nation, our leaders, and victims and their families will be offered.

"We want to recognize the sacrifices of those service members and civilians who died or are missing in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, as well express our gratitude to the rescue workers who provided outstanding service to the nation," said Chaplain (Col.) Juan Loya, Fort Huachuca installation chaplain "This is more than a memorial service, it is also an opportunity to celebrate and strengthen our community bonds. We will end the evening program with a short memorial concert performed by the 36th Army Band," Loya said.

"We want to end the evening on an upbeat note, instilling hope for the future, recognizing our common bonds as one nation, one community."

Gates to the Buena stadium open at 6 p.m. Community members are encouraged to show their support by wearing red, white and blue. Attendees may bring a blanket and sit on the field or in the stands.

Soldiers' Lawyer-

I need money! Should I pay a fee to get a guaranteed loan? Is this possibly a scam?

Advance fee loans are loans that require the consumer to pay a fee up front. These loans often "guarantee" that the consumer will get a loan regardless of his or her credit history. Unfortunately, this "guarantee" doesn't always work out and there is no way to recover the fee.

Loan scams can be distinguished from legitimate credit loans. Generally the scams require fees to be paid up front to the person or agency arranging the credit rather than the actual lender. Legitimate credit loans may require some fees for the loan application, credit report or appraisal, but never before the lender has been identified and the application completed.

Advance fee loan advertisements may appear in your local newspaper, in magazines, on the Internet, through the mail and on radio and TV. The advertisements often feature "900" numbers which may result in high charges on your phone bill. Here are some key points to keep in mind before you respond to any ads that promise easy credit:

- Legitimate lenders never "guarantee" a loan.

— Never give your credit card numbers, bank account information, or SS# over the phone unless you are familiar with and trust the company. Also be sure that you know the reason they are requesting the information.

— Don't pay anything for a "guaranteed" loan unless you have the offer confirmed in writing. In other words, don't pay for a promise.

If you think you are a victim of an advance fee loan scam, contact the legal assistance office, your local Better Business Bureau or the State Attorney General.

(Editor's note: The Soldiers' Lawyer is provided by your JAG Legal Assistance Office. Visit us on the web at http://huachuca-www.army.mil/usag/sja/legalassistance/ or contact us at 533-2009 for an appointment. Legal advice may not be given over the phone.)

Reserve soldiers can return to active duty

Army Reserve personnel who wish to return back to active duty can call the following points of contact for their specific branch.

Enlisted soldiers who are in the inactive ready reserve have various numbers to contact.

Combat Arms can call 1-800-325-4715 or (314) 592-0352, or DSN at

Combat Support can dial 1-800-325-4710 or (314) 592-0351, or DSN at 892-0351.

For Adjutant General, dial 1-800-325-4710 or (314) 592-0356, or DSN at 892-0356.

Ordnance and Ouarter Master soldiers can call 1-800-325-4710 or (314) 592-0359, or DSN at 892-0359.

Medical personnel can call 1-800-325-4729, then select number four when prompted.

Officers in the inactive ready reserve also have various points of contact numbers for specific military occupational skill.

> Combat Arms can call 1-800-325-4973, Combat Support is 1-800-325-4987, for Combat Service Support dial 1-800-325-4980, Chaplains can call 1-800-

325-4914, Judge Advocate General is 1-800-325-4916 and Acquisition can call 1-800-325-4972. Medical personnel can dial 1-800-325-4729. Doctors should select num-

ber three and nurses should select number two, when prompted.

Soldiers of any rank who are retired and would like to return back to active duty can inquire at 1-800-325-2660.



A is for Apple

Sgt. 1st Class Arnold Flores participated in an Apple Party with the Toddler 2 class at New Beginnings Child Development Center on Friday.

Commentary

By Master Sgt. Anthony L. Reed Special to The Scout

NEW YORK — Indescribable.

Although I have been a military journalist for more than 14 years, there are no words I could piece together that could describe the destruction at the World Trade Center in New York Sept. 11.

I recently began a new assignment at the Army's Office of the Chief of Public Affairs in Manhattan - a few miles from what is now referred to as "Ground Zero."

On that fateful Tuesday morning, while heading to what once was the "Twin Towers," I heard a loud boom. I looked in the direction of the sound and noticed black smoke and a huge hole in one of the towers. Because planes always fly close to the towers as they land at nearby LaGuardia Airport, I thought it was just a terrible accident.

However, minutes later, I watched another plane circle the same tower, aim directly at it, turn sideways, and plow into the other side of the tower. I knew at that moment that was no accident.

As people watched in horror, I stood in place watching in disbelief, selfishly thinking to myself, "Not again." I was a part of the Panama and Hon-

duras invasions, Operations Desert Shield and Storm, and the Oklahoma Bombing. I thought I had seen enough tragedy to last a lifetime. I had no idea this would be a far greater tragedy.

As the jet fuel burst into flames and the towers began to collapse, onlookers began running. The combustible flames seemed to instantly disintegrate into ash and spread for what seemed like miles of destruction.

Everyone, including myself, was covered in blood, ash, soot and fallen debris, running for our very lives. No, I was not in the building. However, seeing the destruction around me made me were lined with photos of missing loved ones. Chelsea Piers, cringe with how much damage and lives must have been lost in where I often played basketball, was now a makeshift morgue. the immediate are.

After heading for safety and being treated for what seemed like minor injuries in comparison to other, I wanted to go home. However, Manhattan was locked down. All bridges and tunnels were closed. No way was I getting to Long Island. So I returned to my office and changed out of my ashy designer suit into the military fatigues I keep in my office.

Still stunned by what had just happened, I immediately called

my mother in Chicago to tell here I was alive. I then called my oldest daughter's high school in Chicago and asked the receptionist to find my daughter and give her a hug. I told her she would know it was from me. It then immersed myself into the monumental task of dealing with the media.

When word got out that the Pentagon had been hit, I froze where I stood. I was at the Pentagon five days earlier in he very section the plan crashed. My hands began to tremble uncontrollably. This would prove to be the longest day and night of my life.

I arrived at Ground Zero and walked along the perimeter of what once was the Twin Towers. I walked among the ruins, shielding my eyes from

ash and hidden glass particles form the shattered windows. Vehicles were burned and damaged so severely, it was difficult to tell the make or model. It was like a war zone, or a movie scene from Apocalypse Now, Independence Day or Demolition Man. As my boots, uniform and hair began to accumulate the blowing ash; I wondered if the putrid smells represented someone who had been literally cremated alive by the jet fuel fires.

Eighteen hours later, Ground Zero fires still burned, and buildings still teetered and tottered until they toppled over. Buildings

Dateline: New York City

The numbing feeling in my soul would not allow me to be tired physically, though mentally I was totally drained. Four days after this tragedy, I was ordered to go home. Though

I cleansed my physical body, the sights and smells I witnessed would not soon go away. As a military person we move from city to city. In New York, other than the nearly 70 voice mail messages left on my phone from loved ones checking to see if I was alive, I have no family or friends here, except for the church I attend as regular as my schedule allows.

The pews were full on this Sunday following the crash. Those who normally do not speak were embracing one and all as if they were long lost relatives.

Lost. That's how I felt. I felt like I needed to be in the House of the Lord, yet I still felt out of place. Everyone gave thanks for being alive. Yet I could not escape the feeling of guilt for being among the living, while others are either among the ashes, or buried underneath tons of rubble waiting to be rescued — only to allow their loved ones to say goodbye as they head to a far better place.

Nearly two weeks later, I still have more questions than answers. The tragedy here, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania was executed with box cutter?

Will we ever know the names of everyone missing? There's an elderly lady who works in my office. She has no family or friends. If someone like here worked in the World Trade Center, who would burn a memorial candle for her?

What do we tell the children, parents and other loved ones? I know I am fortunate to be here, but why me and not the others whose faces and names were unknown to me?

Even those who survived, what job will they go to?

Tomorrow? I cannot think that far ahead. It is difficult getting through the today. Guilt, pain, anguish, anger have taken over my joy of living. I cannot celebrate my life at the expense of those lost.

Osama Bin Laden. Suddam Hussein. Whoever is responsible for this devastation has not only ruined landmarks, they have ruined the live of those who perished, as well as those living.

Thanks? Not in this life. My feelings are simply — indescribable....

(Editor's note: Reed is the Army Public Affairs — New York Office noncommissioned officer.)

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Islamic soldier faithful to America, Army

Post officials sensitive to, support Muslim soldiers

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart Scout Staff

Even though his mother is an ordained African Methodist Episcopal minister and his father is Catholic, Staff Sgt. Marc Hill, Company B, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion, said the beauty and sacredness of the Koran combined with its scientific accuracy, served to woo him to the faith of Islam.

He converted five years ago and currently serves as the lay-leader for the Fort Huachuca Muslim community. He is able to give services, reside over Friday prayer meetings and conduct Islamic funerals.

There are approximately 30 Muslim soldiers on post who worship at the Main Post chapel, including service members who are in advanced individual training and international students.

Hill said he and fellow worshippers used a compass so they would be able to pray facing east, which is in the direction of Mecca, one of the holiest cities of the Islamic faith.

Hill currently serves as a tactical electronic warfare equipment instructor and is also trained as an Arab linguist. "I live here, this is my country," he said. He went on to say the Koran expressly forbids breaking a contract and noted he signed a contract saying he would serve his country.

According to Hill, Muslims believe Jesus is a prophet, revere Mary and are taught that the Koran is the final revelation to man from God. They believe the Koran reaffirms the Torah and the rest of the Bible. He said the Koran has remained unchanged since it was revealed to the prophet Muhammad in the 7th Century.

"Unlike different faiths who have different versions of their sacred writings, if you read the Koran which was written in Arabic, it has not changed since it was given to the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him," Hill said. He said original pieces of the Koran are located at Brigham Young University and that the text is the same one that Muslims are reading to-

A Desert Storm veteran, Hill said it moved him when he was in Saudi Arabia to see how everyone would stop whatever

he or she was doing in order to pray five times a day. "It always amazed me to see everyone stop all activity in

order to kneel down and give thanks to the Lord," Hill said. One myth that bothers him is the belief that killing oneself is part of the Islamic faith.

"If you kill yourself, you are going straight to the hellfire. For killing innocent women and children and other Muslims you will go straight to the hellfire," he said shaking his head. "Jihad means struggle, mental and spiritual. It's a way of life. The literal meaning of Islam means submission," he said

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Hill said the command on post has gone out of their way to check on the safety and the moral of the Muslim soldiers on post.

He admitted that for several days he was hesitant about taking his wife out in public because of her hajab, which is a headscarf Muslim women wear, but said he and his family have not suffered any reprisals.



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By Tanja M. Linton

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Brig. Gen. James A. Marks, commanding general of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, after fully considering comments received during the 30-day comment period for a Finding of No Significant Impact, deter-

mined Sept. 20, that expanding the West Civilian Personnel Operations Center would not significantly affect the quality of the environment.

Fort Huachuca has accepted the mission to support the expansion of WCPOC.

The WCPOC will now proceed with plans to hire the required additional personnel and to accept the additional work on a phased plan through March 2002.

proposed action Aug. 15. Fort Huachuca published a Finding of No Significant Impact in the local newspaper to announce that the Environmental Assessment concluded that expanding the WCPOC would not significantly affect the environment and invited public comments on the proposed expansion.

To mitigate WCPOC's direct, indirect, interrelated, interdependent and cumulative water usage impacts, the Ci-

vilian Personnel Operations Center Management Agency has provided \$75,000 to Fort Huachuca to install conservation technology, fund work on various water mitigation projects on Fort Huachuca, and to purchase conservation easements off-post, near the San Pedro River. This mitigation fee should mitigate approximately 50 acre-feet.

> What this means is that the WCPOC will more than offset their water usage associated with their employees and family members. This will help Fort Huachuca in its goal to fulfill its vital national defense mission and continue to reduce its water usage in the region.

> The WCPOC currently manages personnel records for almost 18,000 Depart-

ment of the Army employees throughout the western United The post released an environmental assessment for the States. The WCPOC expansion would increase support to more than 34,000 personnel files.

To manage this increase, the WCPOC will increase the number of civilian employees by 102. The local Civilian Personnel Advisory Center would increase by four employees. Approximately 56 of the new employees would come from Fort Huachuca and the nearby communities, with the remaining 50 employees coming from outside the region.

State breaks ground for future veterans' cemetery

ADVS release

A public groundbreaking ceremony for the Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery took place on Monday at 10 a.m. The cemetery is located on Buffalo Soldier Trail south of Fry Blvd. in Sierra Vista, on property formerly occupied by Fort Huachuca.

Construction of the cemetery is anticipated to take one year at a cost of \$7.7 million. The cemetery is being developed under a grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, on property transferred from the United States Department of Defense to the State of Arizona. The cemetery will be administered by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

The project will include 2,600 full-casket gravesites, an equal number of columbarium niches for cremation burials, an administration building, maintenance building, committal service shelter, entryway and assembly area. Arizona's honorably discharged veterans and their eligible dependents will be eligible for burial.

"It is necessary and appropriate that we recognize the needs of all veterans in Arizona, not only those close to the National Cemetery in Phoenix," said Patrick F. Chorpenning, Director of Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

-Kudos Korner

112th MI Bde. Soldier of the Month

The 112th Military Intelligence Brigade named Spc. Arkon Singhaseni of Company A, 306th MI Battalion as its Brigade Soldier of the Month for September 2001. He was awarded a certificate of achievement for his outstanding performance.

Marine of the Quarter

Pfc. Jordan G. Wilson has been selected as the Marine of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2001 above two other nominees. He has excelled in both duty and performance above his peers during the past quarter. He was selected during a formal board on Sept. 27.

Wilson is a student in Advanced Morse School. His dedication to duty and Esprit de Corps have reflected great credit upon himself, the Marine Corps Detachment, and are keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps.

Civilian of the Month

Fort Huachuca named Dortheria L. Bolden, U.S. Army Signal Command, as its Civilian of the Month for September 2001.

As the Military Award Technician and Assistant Congressional Liaison, Bolden is responsible for the overall processing and quality completion of all military awards finalized at this command and those forwarded to FORSCOM for final decision; she ensures all Congressional inquiries are tasked to appropriate unit/staff element, monitors suspense dates, and ensures responses are appropriate and complete.

"She is the medium who enables the Soldier Actions Team to provide effective, efficient support to local staff elements and subordinate units located worldwide," said Lt. Col. Joseph D. Quinn, adjutant general, Army Signal Command.

Bolden receives the use of a car for one month from Lawley Chevrolet; gift certificates from Sierra Vista merchants; a desk plaque from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center; a Morale, Welfare and Recreation certificate for Jeanie's Diner; a wall plaque from the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce; and her name, as Civilian of the Month, posted at the Main Gate.

Other nominees included Asuncion Q. Montoro, Medical Activity Command; Jose L. Rodriguez, Directorate of Installation Support; William J. Webster, Communications, Electronics Command; and Gayle E. Bowen, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade.

Nominate your deserving employee for Fort Huachuca Civilian of the Month. Per FH Reg. 690-5, all permanent appropriated fund and nonappropriated fund employees are eligible with the exception of employees officially assigned as supervisors (GS-10 and above) and senior executive service personnel. For more information, call Tee Fuimaono, CPAC, at 533-5282.



MEDDAC photo

Remembrance luncheon

Sgt. Darbie Guarino serves food to a Medical Activity Command employee as one of several volunteers who pitched in during a remembrance luncheon at MEDDAC on Sept. 28. The event, originally scheduled as MEDDAC's organizational day, became a day to honor those killed or missing in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The event also included a barbecue and display of the media coverage.

Library offers readers 'best selling' titles

Library release

The Fort Huachuca Main Post Library has the following books named on The New York Times' Best Sellers list available in its holdings:

Fiction

Dr. Death The Blind Assassin The Bear and the Dragon Heartbreaker

Dune: House Harkonnen

Nonfiction

Band of Brothers Seabiscuit Black Hawk Down The Professor and the Madman Guns, Germs and Steel

Have we got news for you!

Don't miss The Fort Huachuca Scout's upcoming stories: 'Post pool management changes;' 'Students learn safety during bike rodeo;' and 'Make computer OPSEC a priority.'



Marine Pfc. Matthew J. Rhodes, a native of Bedford, Pa., nears completion of the first phase of his military occupational skill training for Morse code. The electronic ground warfare Marine was also named Marine of the Month for September.

New Marine excels in training, ready to go where needed

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His dedication to duty and esprit de

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa Scout Staff

Just eight months prior to Operation Noble Eagle, Marine Pfc. Matthew J. Rhodes left his Bedford, Pa. home for the military.

Now it's a whole other ball game for the electronic ground warfare Marine.

has completed 13 weeks of boot camp, three weeks of Marine Combat Training and has nearly completed the first phase of his military occupational skill training for Morse code, in what Marines call A-School.

Once Rhodes graduates the Morse code training he'll be sent to Pensacola, Fla. for further training in his MOS in B-School,

which can take up to another six months. Then way he likes about it. In fact, he was recently he is prepared to take on.

"Since the attack on American soil, nothing has really changed for me, with being in school. But its always in the back of my mind," Rhodes said. "Being a Marine is very awesome. It gives me a sense of pride and a sense of brotherhood. I'm prepared to do what ever I have to do. I'm going to take every experience as it

Rhodes said that the training he received during boot camp and MCT has helped him for times of conflict, because of the field environment and the objectives they had to meet.

Rhodes will already have been in the military for over a year before he makes it to his first duty assignment and he thinks this will better prepare him for future military missions.

"I really like doing this MOS. It's exciting. Not everyone knows Morse code. It's tricky Since Rhodes enlisted in the Marines, he to learn at first, but once you pick it up, it's like

> riding a bike. You'll never forget it. It's fascinating to me," Rhodes said. "We intercept and record Morse code, which will help gather intelligence on the enemy."

Rhodes said one of the first things he was taught at Aschool about his job was that they're always doing their mission and that's the

he'll be off to his first duty assignment, which selected as Marine of the Month because of his manner in school.

"I always like to help out my fellow Ma-

rine, seek self-improvement, do well in [physical training], and well in my schooling. I try to give 100 percent all the time." Now as the 21-year-old Marine embarks

on his first five years in the military, he said he's ready to help keep America's freedom. "I basically see this as my job," Rhodes said.

"And the attack on American soil is as close as it gets to protecting your own family. I'm ready to go where I'm needed."

Prepare for ANCOC, BNCOC

By Sgt. 1st Class Donna Richard **NCOA**

Fort Huachuca is the home of the Military Intelligence Noncommissioned Officers Acad-

Its primary responsibility is to conduct training for MI sergeants, staff sergeants and sergeants first class who must meet promotional conditions by attending advanced and basic NCO courses.

In addition to MI soldiers, the Academy will soon begin serving as host academy for non-MI military occupational specialties at Fort

Beginning Fiscal Year 2001, the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, as the Training and Doctrine Command's proponent and executive agent for the Army's Noncommissioned Officer Education System, implemented an Army wide initiative to standardize Active and Reserve Component NCOES ANCOC and BNCOC Phase I training.

This was done by developing The Army School System Program of Instruction which is now taught by all NCO academies. This allows soldiers to attend Phase I at the closest NCOA (regardless of his/her MOS) in their region.

All qualified attendees located on or within 50 miles of the post will receive Phase I ANCOC or BNCOC training on the same common leadership and combat skills and be evaluated to the same standard, regardless of MOS or Army component.

Unlike the current regional training system for Primary Leadership Development Course where soldiers return to their units upon graduation, soldiers at Fort Huachuca will complete the 12 academic days of Phase I training at Fort Huachuca and then attend their Phase II training (technical, MOS-specific) at their proponent academy. For most MI soldiers, Phase II is conducted here at Fort Huachuca.

During the coming years USASMA, working in conjunction with the 3747th U.S. Army Reserve NCOA, will be conducting Phase I ANCOC and BNCOC via video-teleconference at multiple sites to all soldiers stationed in U.S. Army Europe Command.

By FY04, soldiers in Europe will only be returning to their stateside-based MOS proponent school for their Phase II technical portions of ANCOC or BNCOC.

All MOS soldiers on Fort Huachuca who

are scheduled to attend ANCOC or BNCOC should be prepared for school. The academy has a website designed to help you get ready (http://huachuca-usaic.army.mil/SCHOOL/ NCOA/ncoa home.htm).

Among other things, the website has information ranging from a packing list, mandatory inprocessing documentation, unofficial class dates (only ATRRS is the source of official class dates), and course descriptions.

A complete detailed list of subjects taught in each ANCOC or BNCOC Phase I can also be found on the Sergeants Major Academy website at http://usasma.bliss.army.mil.

Your transition into the Academy will be easy if you are prepared.

Here's an example of the usual sequence of events during the first two days upon arriving at the NCO Academy. Times are subject to change.

Report Day

3 p.m. Height and weigh-in (tape if needed). Soldiers who are over their maximum body fat allowance are denied enrollment and returned to their unit.

4 p.m. Inprocess. Mandatory documentation includes the Pre-Execution Checklist initialed and signed by the soldier and the soldiers' commander (you can download this from the website).

Ten copies of your orders, enlisted records brief, 2A, 2-1, SGLV, DD93, permanent profile documentation, proof of promotion points, PLDC, (for BNCOC), proof of BNCOC completion (for ANCOC).

Soldiers on temporary duty enroute must have MPRJ, medical and dental records. See website for other required documentation.

Day 1

Height/Weigh-In 6 a.m. and Inprocess for late arrivals only.

7:30 a.m. Commandants' Orientation 8:30 a.m. **Course Introduction** Classes begin ANCOC 10 a.m. 1 p.m. Classes begin BNCOC

Day 2

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If you have any questions, contact the Academy at 533-4227 or checkout the website at http://huachuca-usaic.army.mil/SCHOOL/ NCOA/ncoa_home.htm.

DoD employee falsely applies for travel funds

SOCO advisory

Sgt. Tye Klein, who has been a dog handler since April, is the

The Fort Huachuca K-9 unit also works with elements of the

Training and Doctrine Command, the U.S. Secret Service and

handler for Tasha, a Belgian malinois who is a narcotics dog.

A former Department of Defense employee was sentenced in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California for receiving payments for training he never attended.

The former employee worked for the Defense Center at the Naval Air Station North Island at Coronado, California.

He submitted fraudulent requests and received payments in the form of Treasury checks for spe-

U.S Customs Border Patrol

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and for the Total Army En-

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year-old German shepherd be-

He went on to say a 9-

Butler said Belgian shepherds don't tend to have as

high schools.

of smell is keen.

They have also put on dem-

and local law enforcement.

cialized computer training that he never attended.

He was sentenced to nine months in prison followed by three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$11,275 in restitution. United States v. Douglas, Cr. No. 99-2638 (S.D. Ca.

(Editor's note: This advisory is from the DoD Standards of Conduct Office and contains information from the Federal Ethics Re-

Military police working dogs help to secure post

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart Scout Staff

Since Fort Huachuca has gone to increased security measures, members of the Military Police K-9 unit have been work-

ing shifts around the clock in order to inspect vehicles coming on post. The dogs are trained to detect narcotics and explosives.

Staff Sgt. Clint Butler, the kennel master for Fort Huachuca's K-9 unit has been a dog handler for six years. He said every shift the explosive dogs have been inspecting approximately 100 trucks and the narcotic dogs have inspected approximately 300 vehicles.

Sgt. Travis Butzen, the handler for Wendy, a Belgian tervuren, said when a soldier undergoes a permanent change of station, dogs are assigned to a new handler after having been kept in the kennel for 30 He said it usually takes only a week for the dog and handler of March helped to prepare them to be able to execute the mis-

Sgt. Travis Butzen, dog handler with the 18th Military Police East Gate.

Detachment, and Wendy inspect a truck and trailer at the

longing to the unit is being put up for adoption because he has Spc. Paul Miller, 18th Military Police Detachment, helps hip dysplasia and that he would unload 63 cases of soft drinks provided to the security forces make a good pet for a dog of Fort Huachuca by the Association of the U.S. Army. handler's family.

Butzen said the post-wide Force Protection exercise they participated in during the month

AUSA thanks security forces

By Spc. Jessica Espinosa Scout Staff

The Association of the U.S. Army recently provided 63 cases of soft drinks to the troops who have been tasked with securing the gates of Fort Huachuca.

In a program dubbed Operation Support to Security Forces, the soldiers will continue to be provided with morale-building benefits while manning the gates, according to Jack Isler, AUSA Fort Huachuca/Sierra Vista Chapter president.

Along with AUSA, Coca-Cola provided up to 10 cases to the security forces, Sept. 27.

"We're planning on keeping this up each month. I think providing something for those troops who stand guard for 12-hours and protect the installation is a great way to show our appreciation," Isler said.

Over the course of the next few weeks AUSA will contact its corporate members asking them for donations to support the purchase of additional items that in turn will be provided to the security forces, according to Isler.

LAAF soldiers pull together to accomplish mission

By Sgt. Sharron L. Stewart Scout Staff

When Fort Huachuca increased security measures recently it took the personnel of Libby Army Airfield approximately 45 minutes to secure the area, according to Capt. John A. Mackey Airfield commander.

to bond. Butzen has been a dog handler for two years.

Libby Army Airfield is a duel airfield and is used by both civilian and military personnel.

He said the post force protection exercise that took place in March prepared his soldiers to react quickly and with certainty on Sept. 11. "That exercise made all the difference," Mackey said.

He said the Federal Aviation Agency put an immediate ban on all flying across the nation immediately after the tragic events that occurred Sept. 11. After several days the airfield was able to service law enforcement personnel, medical evacuation flights and mission essential military flights.

Now the airfield has soldiers on sight 24 hours a day and no one can get on to the airfield without being on an access roster.

"All of our soldiers had to give up their free time to secure the airfield and they are all working 12-14 hour days. They did it without complaining, without asking questions and worked together as a team," said Staff Sgt. Jose Perez, airfield noncommissioned officer in charge.

"I don't know if things will every go back to the way they were, but the same is true for the entire aviation industry. This has changed how we do business forever," Mackey said.



Photo by Spc. Jessic

Staff Sgt. Nery I. Calderon, third platoon sergeant, and Staff Sgt. Ivin C. Randolph, who adjusts one soldier's beret during an inspection, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, prepare the troops for transformation. These soldiers donned their berets for the first time on Tuesday morning during a ceremony on Brown Parade Field.



On Sept. 24, the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion conducted a ceremony to commemorate its transition from the Battle Dress Uniform cap to the black beret. The ceremony took place on Warrior/Sentinel field at 5 p.m.

Troops don berets

Many units around Fort Huachuca moved into the future this month as units donned the black beret, which is the Army's symbol for transformation. Though initially soldiers were to don the new headgear on the Army's birthday, the Army announced that not all soldiers would receive berets by June 14. The berets were then shipped out on a monthly basis to units.

Soldiers who have long wore berets, such as the Special Forces, airborne units, and the Ranger Regiment have demonstrated excellence through their legendary accomplishments and unmatched capabilities. Now as the entire Army changes to maintain its relevance for the evolving strategic environment, we all wear the beret as an Army of One.

Army families equal

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In his 22 years in the military, Sgt. Maj. Rodolfo Rodriguez never had quite an Army family moment as this one. Even with a dual military family, this event took the cake.

Rodriguez was not only reenlisted indefinitely by his wife, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tamarah Rodriguez, but was also pinned on by his daughter, Jamie, 16, and son, Benjamin, 12, Tuesday morning during his promotion ceremony.

And to put the icing on the cake, his youngest son, Gabriel, 7 and his mother-in-law Donna Stanely were in the audience of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison soldiers.

I think it's important to have the children and family members involved. That way they get to see another side of the military.

Sgt. Maj. Rodolfo Rodriguez

The Rodriguez's were married 17 years ago at Fort Huachuca. This tour marks his third time here, which now makes being reenlisted and promoted here all the more special, Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez, who works as the Headquarters Commandant sergeant major, insists that family involvement is key to building a strong military. "Because my wife and I are both in the military, I think it's important to have the children and family members involved. That way they get to see another side of the military, not just all the deployments and late nights. They can see the better side of the Army — some of the perks of being a soldier."

This is the first time the Rodriguez's had the opportunity to be part of a reenlistment or promotion ceremony with each other.

"It makes it extra special when someone in the family gets to be there during these ceremonies. Lots of times family member are not even able to attend promotions or reenlistments because of other duties. We just were fortunate to be able to be in one together,"

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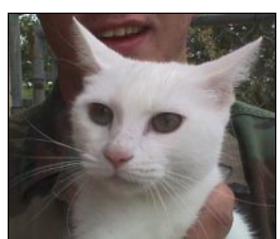
Pets of the Week-



"Rusty" is a six month old male rust and white retriever mix with one blue eye and one brown eye. He is a beautiful dog that is smart and will do great in obedience school. His adoption fee is \$32, which includes a neuter, a microchip, a heartworm test, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Sheba" is a young adult female tan and white lab mix. She is a very sweet dog that gets along well with other dogs, kids, adults, whoever! Her adoption fee is \$52, which includes a spay, a microchip, a heartworm test, all vaccinations and deworming.



"Snow White" is a young female pure white domestic short-haired cat. She is very friendly and loves to play. Her adoption fee is \$42, which includes a spay, a feline leukemia test, a microchip, all vaccinations, and deworming.



"Scarlett" is a 1.5-year-old spayed female rust and black shepherd mix. This dog is a must-see—she is beautiful! She knows some tricks and only costs \$9. Her adoption fee includes all vaccinations, a heartworm test, a microchip and deworming.

These and several other dogs and cats are available at the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is now open through lunch. For information, call 533-2767.

Help from the Internal Revenue Service for those affected by the Terrorist Attacks

The attacks in New York and Washington have affected all of us. Taxes shouldn't add to the worries. We have a special toll-free telephone number for people who may have trouble filing or paying their taxes because of the tragedies on September 11.

Call 1-866-562-5227 Mondays through Fridays

in English 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time — in Spanish 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. local time We encourage you to call with any tax question. We'll cut through the red tape and answer quickly.



You can also get information on the IRS Website at **www.irs.gov**



Community Updates

Pharmacy, clinics closed

The Pharmacy and Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center clinics will be closed Friday and Monday for Columbus Day and training holiday. Prime Time Clinic will be open.

Federal jobs workshop

The next Federal Jobs Workshop is from 8-10 a.m. Oct. 19 at the Army Career and Alumni Program Center, Building 22420. These provide general information on how to find out where federal jobs are, how to apply for a federal job, employment benefits, looking at and understanding a federal pay scale, dissecting a federal job announcement, looking at a federal application, understanding veteran's preference, types of appointments, and how selections are made. The workshop also covers specifically how to understand the RESUMIX process of applying for a job at Fort Huachuca.

Future workshops are scheduled Nov. 16 and Dec. 7.

Buena host families needed

Sierra Vista Sister Cities is recruiting Buena host families for the Fourth Annual Student Exchange. Ten 16-year-old students and two teacher chaperones from Radebeul, Germany will visit Sierra Vista Oct. 13-Nov. 3. Students will attend Buena with their host student, visit city middle schools and get to know the com-

To host a German student (insured and fluent in English), the committee is looking for Buena students of the same age with an extra bed in their home, a friendly attitude and good grades. Parental approval is required. Buena students may also have the opportunity to travel to Radebeul in May on a reciprocal exchange.

For more information, call Joe Mesch at 459-6893 or e-mail meschfamily@earthlink.net.

Lutheran praise service

Immanuel Lutheran Church will have its monthly Friday night Praise and Worship service Friday at 7 p.m. The service will focus all attention on praising God. Not intended as a replacement for Immanuel's regularly scheduled service at 9 a.m. Sunday, this will be an extra time for all to participate in an hour of worship and praise the first Friday of every month. There will be lots of music, singing of praise songs, readings from "The Message," a short Homily and prayers of thanksgiving. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. All are invited.

Range closures

Saturday T1, T1A, T2 Sunday No Closures Monday No Closures AG, AU, T1, T1A, T2 Tuesday Wednesday AU, AV, AY, T1, T1A, T2 Oct. 11 AM, AU, AY, T1, T1A, T2 Oct. 12 AD, AM, AU, AW, T1, T1A and T2

Oct. 13 T1, T1A, T2 Oct. 14 T1, T1A, T2

For questions regarding the closure of ranges please call Range Control at 533-7095.

Greyt Greyhound Feast

The Greyhound Adoption League will host the Greyt Greyhound Feast Oct. 13 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 156 West Kayetan Dr., Sierra Vista. The Greyt Greyhound Feast is a medieval celebration of the most regal and royal Greyhound. This event is open to all Greyhound owners, lovers of Greyhounds, members of the Barony March of Mons Tonitrus and other representatives of the Society for Creative Anachronism, our special guests.

The menu will include: carved round of beef with garlic, sage and herbs, honey glazed pork, roasted whole red potato, herb stuffing, harvest squash, long beans, salad greens, bread, and pumpkin cream pie, all served in buffet style. Special menu arrangements can be made.

The demonstration will begin at 6 p.m. during the social hour. Conversation, dance, mingling, swordplay and spirit consumption are all the order of the day. There will be a silent auction with wondrous and grand items available for the right bid. All proceeds will benefit the Greyhound Adoption League to defray costs associated with rescuing the Greyhounds. Cost is \$20 per person.

For more information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Search, Rescue team

The Cochise County Search and Rescue team is holding an open house Oct. 17 at the Cochise County Sheriff Department Emergency Operations Center located on the North East corner of Foothills Drive and Highway 92. The public is encouraged to come see what services the SAR team provides. Applications will be available to allow anyone interested in joining to apply. Static displays, equipment and vehicles will be on display. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Raul Limon at 803-9298 or Tom Huntoon at 432-2706.

Arizona Teachers' Forum set

The third annual Arizona Teachers' Forum will be held Oct. 19 at the Wells Fargo Center in downtown Phoenix. The forum will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free to Arizona Teachers. The purpose of the Forum is to bring Arizona Teachers together with public officials to discuss issues affecting education such as student needs, improving teaching and learning conditions, high stakes testing, recruitment and retention of quality teachers, incentive pay, and professional development for teachers.

For more information or to register to attend the conference, call Julie Kley at (928) 774-2909.

Annual biker rodeo

The Southern Arizona Harley Riders 7th Annual Biker Rodeo is set for Oct. 19-20 at

Arena Bar in Benson. Sign-in is 1-10 p.m., Oct. 19 and 8 a.m., Oct. 20. Entry fee is \$10 per person, or \$9 with an AMA card. Free camping and secure motorcycle parking with admission. All makes and models of motorcycles are invited. There will be a live band, bike games, bull riding, kid's games, vendors and much more. For more information, call 439-5253 or 803-6856. Or visit www.sahr.org.

Intel symposium set

AFCEA International will host its annual Fall Intelligence Symposium Oct. 24-25 at the Defense Intelligence Analysis Center, on Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. This year's theme is "Intelligence and National Strategy."

For more information on this professional development event, including a detailed agenda, a listing of all confirmed speakers, fees, directions, general information, and secure on-line registration, visit www.afcea.org/fallintel2001/ default.asp.

For more information or to have a registration package sent by mail, call Terry Rogers at (800) 336-4583, ext. 6238 or e-mail trogers@afcea.org. Attendees must be U.S. citizens and have a top-secret clearance with SI/TK access.

AD pregnant PT resumes

Active-duty, pregnant physical training resumes at Barnes Field House on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 a.m. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Heather Debe at 533-5113.

Thrift Shop reopens

The Thrift Shop reopened Tuesday for all military and civilian ID card holders. Enter at the East Gate, turn left at the second stop light, turn left on Kelsay, turn right on Brainard and turn left into the Thrift Shop (look for signs).

Adjutant General Services

Until further notice, the AGD/MILPO offices will be open with reduced capabilities Mondays through Fridays, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays only the ID Card Branch will be operational from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Personnel with emergency requirements should contact the Emergency Operations Center at 533-1992.

CFC seeks personal stories

The 2001 Combined Federal Campaign for Fort Huachuca and Cochise County will run through Oct. 31. This year, the local campaign is seeking personal stories from individuals who have been helped through the services provided by CFC supported organizations.

If you have a personal story you would like to share, or have questions regarding this year's campaign call the CFC coordinator at 538-6048 or e-mail terry.hurley@hqasc.army.mil.

CGSC course offered here

Both Phase I and Phase III of the Com-



Site Boston Road closed

Site Boston Road will be closed for the duration of the construction of the State Cemetery. The above photo shows the post road network in relation to the new State Cemetery. Site Boston Road will remain an access route to the South Range as will Garden Canyon Road. During the State's construction, Site Boston Road that lies within the boundary of the new cemetery, will be closed. The photo shows an alternative route to gain access back to the post's eastern perimeter to proceed to the South Range from Garden Canyon Road. Site construction started Oct. 1.

mand and General Staff Officer Course are being offered at Fort Huachuca. The classes started in October and will be held one weekend each month.

The classroom option has numerous advantages over the correspondence version, including: both a higher graduation rate and higher grade point average; workload sharing and interaction with active and reserve component students; professional and structured learning environment; instructor support.

Class sizes are limited. For enrollment information, call Rick Meador at 538-5099 or email meadorr.fhu.disa.mil; or call Maj. Mo Ostroff at (602) 650-3137.

Blue Cross rep visits

A representative from Blue Cross, Blue Shield will be at Fort Huachuca on Nov. 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Gila Room at Murr Community Center to answer questions on benefits, claims or enrollment.

For more information, call CPAC at 533-5273 or 533-5735.

OCSC craft bazaar set

The Fort Huachuca Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club Fall Craft Bazaar will be held on from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 3 at Murr Community Center.

Any one interested in renting a space for the event can call Sandy Frantz at 458-5988. All proceeds from this event go to the scholarship and disbursement funds.

Family from Page 5 -

Chief Warrant Officer Rodriguez said. "This gave us a true sense of family, because the Army is truly your family also. It helps you get out of bed every morning just knowing that the Army is your family too."

Rodriguez initially enlisted in the military as an infantry soldier and didn't see his career going past fours years, now 22 years later, as a military intelligence soldier, the sergeant major explained that he simply enjoys the Army and its way of life.

"My goal is to be the best sergeant major I can be, by being there for soldiers and for my family, until my time comes to fade away," he said.

"I'm proud of him. And I'm happy I got to pin on his rank and that my mom got to reenlist him. I'm glad that he has made it into such a

high position of respect," Jamie said, who has plans on attending the Air Force Academy in the future.

Benjamin, who had never even seen a promotion or reenlistment ceremony before said he enjoyed being part of it and that he's "really proud because it took him a long time to get there."

He added that this was good for his mom and dad becuause they both like the Army and like to work.

TSP from Page 1 -

Clark said the G fund is the only one that is guaranteed to make money because the earnings are based on interest paid daily by the government.

"The G Fund is absolutely safe," she said.

If an E2 starts investing his

money now, by the time he or

she retires, instead of

immediately going to work,

they can relax, help their

children get through college or

he or she can pick and choose

the job they want.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board manages the G Fund and currently has a contractor to manage the other four. All accounts will be charged a small maintenance fee, said Clark.

Service members need to be aware of the fact that they will be penalized twenty percent if funds are

withdrawn before retirement age. She also said if a service member is married, they need their spouse's permission to access their funds. Clark urged service members to make sure

all the forms they fill out have an 'U' on it because they are identical to the forms federal employees use except for the 'U.'

For example, for a service member to specify the way they want their contributions to be invested they need to submit Form TSP-U-50, Investment Allocation. The form to des-

ignate beneficiaries is Form TSP-U-3, Designation of Beneficiary. Once signed up, the TSP account can be accessed any time of the day by visiting the website and using their pin number or calling a 1-800 that will be posted in

the near future.

Clark said for now service members turn their completed forms in to their personnel offices. "What hasn't been determined is whether or not the form will come to us from personnel or if personnel will fax or mail them directly to the contractor," Clark

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Sandra Clark

Service members can access forms, designate beneficiaries, make changes to their TSP account and find answers to their questions online.

For more information regarding the TSP, visit www.tsp.gov.



Sgt. Maj. Rodolfo Rodriguez is surrounded by his three children, Jamie, 16, Benjamin, 12, and Gabriel, 7, plus his wife, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Tamarah Rodriguez, and his mother-in-law Donna Stanley, during his promotion and reenlistment ceremony.